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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 4 and 16-18 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4 and 16-18 have been rejected. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the subject matter claimed by the present Application. Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments do not add any new matter.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Regina Yoo for granting and attending an in person interview on June 4, 2008, with Applicants' representatives, Zeev Pearl, Reg. No. 60,234 and Naomi Liver. In the interview, Schneider (US 3,503,804) and proposed amendment to claim 1 were discussed. The Examiner indicated that amending the claim to disclose the method applicable to liquid disinfection more clearly would appear to overcome the current §102(b) rejection. Applicants have amended claim 1 in accordance with the proposed amendment.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1, 4 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Schneider (US 3,503,804). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

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In order for a reference to anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. Applicant asserts that Schneider does not teach every element of Applicant's independent claim 1 as amended.

Amended claim 1 recites "providing a stream of liquid to be disinfected by UV-radiation, said liquid including contaminants that are not transparent to said UV-radiation" and "directing, within said stream of liquid, said UV-radiation ... wherein said UV-radiation is not converted into heat or sonic or ultrasonic pulses at a distal end of said stream of liquid".

Schneider is directed to a method and apparatus for producing sonic or ultrasonic waves on a surface. Schneider describes an apparatus for producing energy on a surface and the jet of liquid is used only as a means of cleaning the surface. The liquid jet disclosed by Schneider is a medium used for energy transfer and accordingly this "presupposes that the liquid does not offer any appreciable resistance to the radiation energy at least in the region of the jet length (clear liquid) see column 2, lines 35-38.

Further, Schneider teaches that "The liquid jet is formed of clear liquid so as not to constitute any resistance to the radiation energy of the beam" (emphasis added, see column 3, lines 73-75 of Schneider.

Accordingly, Schneider does not teach, at least "directing, within the stream of liquid, UV-radiation to disinfect the liquid such that... the UV-radiation is not converted into heat or sonic or ultrasonic pulses", as recited by amended claim 1.

Applicant therefore asserts that independent claim 1 is allowable over Schneider.

Each of dependent claims 4 and 16-18 depends, directly or indirectly, independent claim 1, and includes all the features of the claim from which it depends as well as additional distinguishing features, and is therefore allowable.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 4 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Schneider.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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